THE

LITTLE PILGRIM

"We will go up by the King's highway."

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Little Givers.

Little children poor we are,
But there are others needier far;
And so we go for Jesus' sake,
Our little gifts of love to make,
Glad He has said so lovingly:
"That given to mine is given to me."

DO you want something to do this Sunday afternoon? Well, then, get your Bible and find all you can about the camel, for this animal is spoken of many times there.

It was used a great deal for traveling, and could carry heavy burdens. In one war mentioned in the Bible, it is said that 50,000 camels were taken, so you can see that this animal was very common in those days.

A Child's Desire.

"I WANT to give something my own,
To help the right along,
To show that I would truly live,
And shun the thought of wrong."

So thought a little girl, who gave
Her mite in Sunday-school,—
A thoughtful child who wished to live
By Jesus' Golden Rule.

She tried to see what of her own
She might give through the day;
And if she found the better part,
Let little readers say.

She kept the little baby boy
As happy as could be;
So mamma had an hour to rest
From fretful baby free.

She found the paper papa sought,
And read him all the news,
Until he told her she was just
The fairy he would choose.

She mended little brother's kite,
And helped his top to spin,
Though on her table laid a book
She wanted to begin.

For grandma she was brightest eyes,
And picked up stitches dropped;
And, ere she left her, with a kiss
Her grateful praises stopped.

So through the day she found a chance
To give *her own* away,—
Her *time*, her *work*, her *skill*, her *love*,—
And made a happy day.

—*Every Other Sunday.*

Come to Jesus.

TWO little girls came home from Sunday-school, saying, "Mamma, our teacher said to us to-day that we must come to Jesus if we want to be saved; but how can I come to him if I can not see him?"

"Did you not ask me to get you a drink of water last night?" replied the mother. "Yes, mamma." "Did you see me when you asked me?" "No; but I knew that you would hear me, and get it for me." "Well, that is just the way to come to Jesus. We can not see him, but we know that he is near us and hears every word we say, and that he will get us what we need." — *Little Jewels.*

Lesson Story.

The ships of King Solomon sailed to far-away lands to gather rich treasures. They carried to the people of those lands the story of his riches and wisdom. The Queen of Sheba heard about him and wished to visit him and see if it were all true that was said. She gathered together gold, precious stones, and spices, for a present to the king. Then with a great many servants she started for Jerusalem, riding on camels for many days, through forests and deserts, until at last she reached the beautiful city and saw the wonderful king. She found it was indeed true, Solomon was very rich and very wise. His palaces were magnificent, his city was very great, he had many servants. But more than all that, he could answer all her questions, he knew more than any one she had ever seen. Then she felt very glad that she had come. She saw that the Lord was indeed a great God. She knew that it was from him came all Solomon's good gifts. The queen gave Solomon the presents she had brought and he gave her some rich presents in return. Then she went back to her own country.

Many years afterwards wise men made such a long journey to the feet of another King. That King is living still; his name is Jesus Christ. You do not need to take a long journey to find him, for he is not far from any one, and those who seek him early shall find him. Will you not seek this King now? Will you not bring him your best gifts? If you do this you will find that the half had not been told you of his love and power.

GOLDEN TEXT.—**She came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.**—Matthew 12: 42.

Bible Lesson.

1. And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions.

2. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3. And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king which he told her not.

4. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

5. And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her.

6. And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom.

7. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

8. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom.

9. Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgement and justice.

10. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

11. And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees and precious stones.

12. And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for the singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen, unto this day.

13. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

—1 KINGS 10: 1-13.

Lesson Questions.

1. For what is King Solomon remembered? *For his riches and wisdom.*

2. Who once came to visit him? *The Queen of Sheba.*

3. Why did she come? *Because she had heard of his wisdom and great wealth.*

4. How did she come to Jerusalem? *She and her many servants traveled on camels.*

5. What did she bring as presents to Solomon? *Gold, precious stones, and spices.*

6. What did she see in Jerusalem? *The king's house, the temple, and all the splendor of his household.*

7. To whom did she give praise for all that she saw? *To the Lord.*

8. What did Solomon give to the queen? *Whatever she asked.*

9. What king was friendly with Solomon? *Hiram, king of Tyre.*

10. Why do we like to remember the Queen of Sheba? *Because she was so earnest in seeking to know the truth.*

11. What should you do? *Seek earnestly to know what is right.*

12. Who will teach you? *The Lord.*

13. What is said of children's seeking the Lord? "*Those that seek me early shall find me.*"

SEEKING JESUS.

YOU will find him if you seek,
He will hear you when you speak;
He will answer you in love,
Fit you for his home above.

LESSON ECHOES.

Seek the Lord now.
Bring him the gift of your heart.
You will surely find him.
He will give you the greatest blessings.

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